

A RESOLUTION BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE

02- R -1351

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS OF GLORIA GONZALEZ, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS NEXT FRIEND AND NATURAL GUARDIAN OF ERICK GONZALEZ, A MINOR, AGAINST THE CITY OF ATLANTA AND LORENZO J. LOCKETT IN THE CASE OF GLORIA GONZALEZ V. LORENZO J. LOCKETT AND THE CITY OF ATLANTA, CASE NUMBER 02VS032355H, IN THE STATE COURT OF FULTON COUNTY; TO CAUSE PAYMENT TO BE MADE IN THE AMOUNT OF ~~TEN~~ <sup>TWENTY-FIVE</sup> THOUSAND DOLLARS (~~\$10,000.00~~ <sup>\$25,000.00</sup>); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2002, the Plaintiff initiated the case of Gloria Gonzalez, Individually and as Next Friend and Natural Guardian of Erick Gonzalez, a Minor v. Lorenzo J. Lockett and City of Atlanta, alleging that these defendants are liable for personal injury; and

WHEREAS, the Plaintiff's lawsuit stems from a vehicle accident which occurred on May 11, 2001, involving Defendant Lorenzo J. Lockett, who was on duty as an Atlanta police officer assigned to the Zone 1 Auto Theft Task Force when he struck nine-year-old Erick Gonzalez, who was riding a bicycle; and ✓

WHEREAS, at approximately 4:15 p.m. on that date, Officer Lockett was patrolling in the vicinity of Ahby and Parson Streets looking for suspected stolen vehicles when, as he traveled northbound on Ashby Street, he noticed Erick Gonzalez crossing the street on his bicycle in the crosswalk; and

WHEREAS, Officer Lockett was unable to stop his patrol vehicle in time to avoid striking the child; and

WHEREAS, the investigation conducted by the Hit and Run Unit of the Atlanta Police Department indicated that Officer Lockett was speeding and was not using lights or sirens at the time of the incident; and